

## Women are More Frugal Than Men

By CLARA CAHILL PARK

It has undoubtedly become the fashion to be economical. Because women are always the leaders in following fashion's changes, it may truly be said that they are leading here. For my part, I will admit that I may have my faults, but never that I am extravagant. That is asking altogether too much of me. One might as well be asked to admit that one is incapable!

It used to seem fairly indecent not to have rather more money than was needed about one, and to speak of any economic strain cast a blight upon the conversation. I hate to seem prejudiced, but really I would much rather hear a man talk about economy than see his expression as the warmed-over roast comes on the table! Ideals are everything with a true man, but practicing economy is apt to seem a little crude, to jar him in his sensitive nature. Besides, the roast is generally in disguise, and deception is abhorrent to him.

"Bargain basements" were not made for men, who generally prefer that a thing should cost something before they prize it, but for the countless women that one sees every working day in the week diving boldly downward in search of hidden treasure. There is a sort of annex for men at some of these places; mostly, I am convinced, so that women can here buy presents for their male friends and relatives, for you seldom see a man there unless he is paid to stay.

Every now and then one reads a story of the rise in life of some clever politician or successful man, where the wife is unable to follow, because of her long apprenticeship to sordid care; where, in fact, she has helped to make him the successful man he is at the sacrifice of all her youthful longings.

There are almost as many, perhaps more, stories of men driven to crime for the sake of some willful woman's foolish desires, but I believe both of these classes are exceptional. Who writes about the normal little woman, who loves pretty things, but goes without when necessary, making much out of little and optimistic to the last?

This "postgraduate course" in spending the money which some one else earns is sometimes a painful process, but I believe it is responsible for the fact that married women, at least in middle life, are usually economical. The woman who earns her own living may be economical from necessity, but she has the same air of freedom in spending that characterizes a man as soon as she is past the danger line.

This practicing of economy of ours is, after all, rather a "slave-morality." But just the same, through it, like the Israelites passing through their land of bondage, we are learning how to take care of ourselves and of our goods and learning to make the world give us a show for our money. And that is something!

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## Bible Is More Widely Recognized Than Ever

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ance, archaeology, history and common sense, and would be discarded as a relic of outworn credulity.

But the situation has notably changed. So-called contradictions have been found unreal. From a constructive standpoint the Bible is more widely recognized than ever. No man is considered educated unless he has a knowledge of this book.

According to the latest authentic returns from publishers the Bible is the "best seller" on the market today.

The bugbear of "higher criticism" has been laid to rest. Its radical claims have been modified and its net results are a girl to the world of a context of historic investigation in which the Bible has an enriched value and deeper meaning than ever before.

Its rough treatment at the hands of its critics has been the dispelling of superstitions about it. There is, to be sure, a sacrilegious handling of the Bible that is degrading, but there is in human nature also a "fearless awe" which can overcome superstition.

We want a sane, healthy, reverent approach to this book of books. Use it right and it will bring you patience, comfort and hope.

Emphasis upon the Bible comes to us at a time when the majority of our popular literature is of a questionable character. It caters too much to the morbid, sensational, abnormal side of life. It is unhealthy.

Contrast this vicious and neurotic type of modern literature with the sweet spirit of patience and hope generated by the Bible. Some day the world will sicken of the lurid appeals to its unwholesome weaknesses, and hungry souls will return to be fed at the hand of omnipotence.

## Plea for Better Brand of Young Men

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There is no sight on earth so impressive as that of a young man eager for the struggle of life and anxious to try his mettle against the world. Young men are strong in their range of vision. The eye of the spirit sweeps wide horizons. Nothing seems beyond reach.

Youth is strong in adaptability to great tasks. To see is to act; to believe is to affirm; to know is to do. Some of the mightiest reforms and greatest deeds in the past have been wrought by young men. Washington, Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, Henry Clay, John Quincy Adams, Napoleon, Bismarck, French physician, and Luther are true examples.

No young man can succeed unless his vision and enthusiasm are concentrated on a definite goal. Character and the purpose of his life are determining factors of success. Talent and genius alone will not pave the road to success.

I plead for a consecrated purpose in your life. This gives you strength to resist the evil. No young man can truly master himself unless there is in him an ideal controlled by consecration to a high purpose. Uncontrolled passions will ruin him.

The age cries out for a better brand of young men, and there was never a better day for youth than the present. It is not creed that he needs so much as an experience. Not a restraint, but an inspiration. Not an insurance for the next world, but a program for this world.

Heed the call for service. Join in the great march toward brotherhood that is now thrilling the church. Dare to be a Christian in the finest, loftiest and noblest sense.

According to a physician, red flannel won't ward off rheumatism; if he'll promise to come out next spring with a blast against brimstone and molasses we'll take a chance.

The man who has the contract for furnishing desks to the Austrian parliament must have a good thing. Every week or so the members reduce the furniture to kindling wood.

A man laughed so hard at a picture show that he expired. Something must be done at once to keep picture shows from being made too humorous.

## Good Train Service.

Talk of trains, and one is reminded of the perfect line. Read of this service and applaud. "The trains come to the minute and go out to the minute. The officials are intelligent and polite. The carriages are good. Every station has its waiting room, where you may sit and read and drink a cup of coffee that is not only hot and fresh, but is recognizably the product of the berry. It is impossible to travel in the wrong train. It is very difficult not to get out at the right station. The fares are very reasonable. The time tables are models of clarity." No, the reference is to no railway in the south of England. It is Mr. E. V. Lucas' summary of the good points of the train service of the happy Holland!

—London Chronicle.

To Utilize Waterfall. Iceland's largest waterfall has been purchased by an English company which will develop 400,000 electric horsepower for the manufacture of atmospheric nitrogen fertilizer.



## A GAME OF BASEBALL INFLUENCED BY THE MAGNETIC RAY.

Captain MacManus, retired air-skipper, and his coteries of Master Aligators leaped on the rail of the New York receiving dock of the F. C. & A. Aerial line and watched a huge yellow dirigible shoot past on the 5000-foot level.

"The Hong Kong and Washington express," said one of the younger M. A.'s. "She's carrying the Hong Kong baseball team to the opening game of the International Aerial league season at Washington tomorrow. That ought to be a typhoon of a game. Good thing they've got the mechanical umpire perfected now. No living man would stand a show umpiring for that bunch tomorrow. Seems impossible to think that any human being was ever reckless enough to act as umpire of a baseball game, the way they did back in 1913 or thereabouts. I wonder why they did it?"

"Why did they do it?" grunted old Captain MacManus. "Because they were men in those days, that's why. They weren't like you delicate, air-skippered lads who are afraid to come nearer than 500 feet to earth for fear of hitting the microbe strata. Why, in my early days, we—Punctured my gas tanks! That reminds me. I was the first man to introduce air ships into the international game—was only national then, though—of baseball. And that was when they still played the game on the ground. In my humble little way I was the man who first gave people the idea of elevating the game to its present high level."

"Help! Help!" moaned a young captain. "They used to kill people for this!"

"But how do you know you'll win, Bill?" asked the young captain.

"I'm going to pitch," says Bill. "Don't tell anybody. This is just between you and me."

"That made me feel pretty warm toward the great man, and I put myself out to make it as pleasant as I could for him when he was riding with me, and he appreciated it and pretty soon we were the best friends in the world."

"Well, finally it came the day before the game that was to settle the league championship, and sure enough, just as Bill had said, Chicago and New York were to settle the hash. That night Bill took flight down to Atlantic City with me to settle his nerves, and suddenly he says to me, 'Mac, I'm up against it.'"

"Why?" says I.

"I've got to throw the game tomorrow."

"Bill," I says, horrified.

"Yes," he says, "that's just what I've got to do."

"You can't," I said; and then I told him what I'd done. Knowing that he was going to pitch and win, I'd gone and begged and borrowed every cent I could lay my hands on and had bet it on New York to win. "If you lose, Bill, I'm a dead duck."

"Bill almost cried, he was that broken-hearted. 'But I can't help it, Mac,' says he. 'Morgan has ordered that New York lose.'"

"Of course, after that there wasn't anything more to say. Bill had his orders from the nation's boss to go in and pitch the full nine innings, but not to put any speed or curves on the ball. Just to put 'em right over where the Chicago crowd line 'em out. Having the orders straight from Morgan, he had to obey, of course."

"Don't think hard of me, Mac," he says, gripping my hand. "It's fate."

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London Archaeologists Interested in Excavations in City for New Official Buildings.

London.—Archaeologists are taking the keenest interest in the excavation works which have just been begun on the site of the old general post office, St. Martin-in-the-Fields. The site is to be utilized for the new offices of the accountant general's department of the post office, but it is expected that the

city corporation will take part of the ground for the purpose of widening Aldersgate street and Grosvenor street. There can be no discovery of some few days, as the men are still at work on the bed of concrete, which extends to a depth of five feet. Then their work will be carried out under the eyes of archaeologists, for it was on the site that St. Martin's priory stood in years gone by.

It is not forgotten that when the foundations of the Goldsmiths' Institute, near by, were being laid traces of

Roman occupation were found, and the expectations of valuable finds are increased by the fact that the Roman wall ran along at the north end of the site.

Kills Dogs; Is Arrested. New York.—"I just killed Nellie and her mother," explained Andrew Vandervyl, whose blood-spattered hands were being washed by a policeman's suspicion. He was arrested. Detectives rushed to Vandervyl's house, where they found two dead dogs.

Protective Hymnology. Missionaries attacked by wolves in a Brazilian jungle drove them away by singing hymns. Solution of the disarmament proposition here: Throw away weapons and cultivate our voices.—New York Telegram.

The Little World. "When I'm married, the world was all before him!" "And now?" "Now, he can't even find ground for a divorce!"—Judge.

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Stocking Duster. A good way to utilize silk or lisle thread stockings that are past wearing is to cut the feet off, then cut each stocking top open lengthwise and sew the two together by hand or machine, says the Christian Science Monitor. It makes good dust cloths for fine furniture and leaves no lint. It takes off the blue, smoky look from mahogany furniture, and if a circular motion is used in dusting leaves a nice polish that rubs with the grain of the wood.

KEEP THIS IN THE GLOVE BOX. Worth Remembering When Gloves Are Bought, or Put Away for Use in the Future.

Especially should footgear, headgear, gloves, veils and handkerchiefs be placed. Have the gloves fitted when you buy them, for so much of their future appearance depends upon the way they are put on the first time.

It is difficult to say which is uglier, a glove that is too tight or one that is too loose, though the former has the additional defect of being uncomfortable.

In putting on gloves dust a little powder into them and be particular to have the seams straight, the lines on the backs properly over the center of the hand, and the fingers on clear to the tips.

In removing, pull them off carefully by turning back the tops and drawing them inside out, but be equally careful to turn them immediately ready for use again.

Do not keep them rolled.

## THINK OF YOUR BLESSINGS

Seldom Indeed Do Wrinkles Appear When Mind Is Filled With Calm and Peaceful Thoughts.

Keep your mind calm and peaceful and no wrinkles will come to destroy your beauty. Think pleasant thoughts. Do not let little incidents excite or upset you. Do not leave for an appointment so late that you must hurry. Keep yourself happy.

After all, nothing does so much for a woman's looks as plain happiness, and not only for her but for her whole health. You can always tell the woman whose mind is at peace. She never has indigestion or stomach trouble, for both are born of nerves. She never has the anxious, startled look, which is the trademark of the average New York woman.

It really is a difficult task for the woman who has always given in to nerves, to take a firm hold on herself and to keep calm. At first, it may seem an impossibility. Begin at first by shutting off unpleasant thoughts whenever you find them at work in your mind. Resolutely turn them out by replacing them with happy thoughts.

After a while it will become a habit and harassing ideas will cease to torment you. Above all, smile. Even if it is only a mask at first, smile and soon you will find that the very effort to smile has impressed a smile on your face. It is the easiest way to a custom to smile instead of to frown at all kinds of news. Let "smile and be beautiful" become your motto.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

THREE BAGS NOW NECESSARY. Fashion Demands That There Be Separate Accessories for Various Periods of the Day.

Three types of bag which the perfectly equipped woman positively must have are one for shopping, one for afternoons and one for fancy work. The accepted shopping bag is the panier, a slender, elegant affair in finest felt—black or colored—kid lined, inset on one side with a tiny watch and swinging from a rather broad loop handle of matching leather.

In afternoon or bridge bags there is a choice in flowered satin, printed silk, metallic thread and velvet brocade or embroidered pean de soie shape. They are fitted with purses, mirrors and powder boxes, and they swing from cordage handles.

The work bag must be dainty enough for any drawing-room. Gold and silver brocade is none too good to contribute to its making and indeed many stocking bags are wholly of that material. But the really smart work bag is of painted Japanese silk crepe, attached to a flat Japanese basket.

Effective Centerpieces. The large circular pieces of Japanese embroidery, more especially those with light colors, and plenty of gold and silver introduced in the design, make handsome table centers.

For a long table three of these pieces, mounted on Japanese silk and edged with gold or silver fringe, would be most effective, the circles chosen being from 12 to 18 inches in diameter, while a carved, bronze bowl, with dwarf trees growing in it, and vases of Japanese porcelain filled with chrysanthemums would complete a delightful scheme of decoration.

'Silk-Covered Hairpins. A clever invention just placed on sale is a hairpin, three-quarters covered with woven silk, with the points heavily enameled. The covering is put on so smoothly you cannot tell where silk leaves off and enamel begins.

The hairpins come in seven shades of brown, in black or white, in different sizes, and sell at five cents a dozen. They are scarcely visible when in the hair, the covering prevents rust and slipping out of the hair.

To Save Money. Economy, rightly understood, requires careful study and consistent action. A knowledge of market prices and money value are necessary for an intelligent solution of the cost of living. But such knowledge of itself does not suffice. Consistent action is equally if not more important. The "head and heart" of a family must be one in their efforts. They must work in union.

Easy. Small Boy (playing for more time to stay out and play)—"I'll come right in when the twelve o'clock whistle blows."

Mother.—But I want you in the house at twelve o'clock.

Small Boy.—Then I'll start in a little before the whistle blows.

Convenience in Sick Room. A convenience for a sick person is a good-sized shoe bag with ample pockets fastened with safety pins to the mattress at the side of the bed. In the pockets must be the best of living. But such knowledge of itself does not suffice. Consistent action is equally if not more important. The "head and heart" of a family must be one in their efforts. They must work in union.

SELF DELUSION. Many People Deceived by Coffee. We like to defend our indulgences and habits even though we may be convinced of their actual harmfulness. A man can convince himself that whiskey is good for him on a cold morning, or beer on a hot summer day—when he wants the whiskey or beer.

It's the same with coffee. Thousands of people are persuaded by the nervousness year after year but try to persuade themselves the cause is not coffee—because they like coffee.

"While yet a child I commenced using coffee and continued it," writes a Wis. man, "until I was a regular coffee fiend. I drank it every morning and in consequence had a blinding headache nearly every afternoon."

"My folks thought it was coffee that ailed me, but I liked it and would not admit it was the cause of my trouble, so I stuck to coffee and the headaches stuck to me."

"Finally, the folks stopped buying coffee and brought home some Postum. They made it right (directions on package) and told me to see what difference it would make with my head, and during that first week on Postum my old affliction did not bother me once. From that day to this we have used nothing but Postum in place of coffee—headaches are a thing of the past and the whole family is in fine health."

"Postum looks good, smells good, tastes good, is good, and does good to the whole body."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich., read "The Road to Well-being," in pink.

Postum now comes in two forms: Regular Postum—must be well boiled.

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